of view and their long neglected condition, it is respectfully prayed—

(1) that the initial cost of water-supply scheme may be kindly borne by Government,

(2) that the land revenue derived within the Municipal limits may be kindly granted to the Municipality as it is the wet lands which have contributed to the unhealthiness of the towns.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 343.

Improvements to Melkote.

Mr. M. G. Shamaiengar, Sri Yadugiri Sadananda Vardhini Sabha, Melkote.

Summary of discussion.—The Melkote town is in a decaying condition. It is now time for the Government to take necessary steps to remedy the present state of this famous place of sanctity. Plague has permanently set foot in the town and has carried away nearly one-half of the population up to date. It is prayed that Government may take this matter into their generous consideration. The improvements suggested by Mr. Bhore have not been tried for some reason or other. They may be reconsidered and the town permanently improved. Some office may be located there or it may be connected by a Railway.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 344.

Water-supply to Mysore City.

Mr. M. C. Rangaiengar, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—When the Mysore City water works were opened, there was a proposal to levy a water tax, but it was vetoed. Circumstances changed subsequently and the tax has now been imposed. On account of its importance as the capital of the State and the several festive occasions therein, the city is very largely visited by people. This fact does not seem to have been taken into consideration when the minimum free allowance was fixed. It is therefore prayed that (1) the minimum free allowance of water in the city may be raised from 3,000 to 5,000 gallons, (2) for the excess water consumed, the charge be reduced from 12 annas to 8 annas per 1,000 gallons, (3) the free allowance be calculated at 200 gallons for every rupee of rental value and (4) adjustments be effected by taking into consideration the total quantity consumed during a period of six months or one whole year.

Mr. A. Ramanna.—Electric power supplied for pumping water for drinking purposes, may be charged at a lower rate than that at which it is charged in the case of industrial companies. A fixed contribution of about Rs. 15,000 per annum may be accepted from the Municipality for the water supplied to the city. The meter system may be abolished and no restriction placed on the owners of houses having service connections in regard to the quantity of water to be consumed. The Kukkarahalli tank water may also be utilized for drinking purposes for

some parts of the city. The President of the Municipality may be empowered to fix, if necessary, a certain sum payable in the case of each service connection.

Mr. D. Venkataramaiya, Bangalore City Municipality.—Quarterly bills are more advantageous than half-yearly or annual bills. Charges for excess water consumption are payable by tenants and it may be difficult to recover such charges if the bills are prepared for long periods.

Mr. K. Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi taluk.—Bills may be prepared half-yearly. Measurements recorded monthly are intimated to the occupant by the Water-Supply Department and so there will be no such difficulty in recovering the charges as that referred to by Mr. Venkataramaiya. Owners of houses may be held responsible for both the water-tax and the charges for excess consumption.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT NO. 345.

Supply of electric lights to Mysore City.

Messrs. Venkatakrishniah, Mahomed Jaffer Sahib, V. Tiruvengada Mudaliar and M. C. Ranga Iyengar, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The Government may be pleased to order the supply of 1,000 electric lights to the city including the present number of lights, on the Municipal Council agreeing to pay yearly Rs. 12,000 in all.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT NO. 346.

A dispensary for Melkote.

Messrs. Amble Anniah Pandit and C. Narasimiah, Mysore District Board; and M. G. Shamiengar, Sri Yadugiri Sadananda Varadhini Sabha, Melkote.

Summary of discussion.—A dispensary may be opened at Melkote.

Reply of Government.—A dispensary will be established if two-thirds of the cost be borne from the District Funds. The remaining one-third cost will be met out of State Funds.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT NO. 347.

(*a*) Extension of General Hospital Building at Mysore and provision for an Eye Infirmary.
(*b*) New building for the General Hospital, Mysore.

(*a*) Messrs. M. Venkatakrishniah, Mysore City Municipality; Amble Anniah Pandit and C. Narasimiah, Mysore District Board.
(*b*) Messrs. Amble Anniah Pandit and C. Narasimiah, District Board, Mysore.

SUBJECT NO. 348.

A separate school or class for training mistresses for girls' schools.

Messrs. V. Raghavachar, Mysore taluk; and M. Venkatakrishniah, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—For training mistresses for girls' schools, a separate institution or a class in the Maharani's College be opened and the students so trained therefrom be sent out on Rs. 10 to 15.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration.

SUBJECT NO. 349.

A.-V. School building at Malvalli to be extended.

Messrs. Ramiah and Dowlat Hanumiah Setty, Malvalli taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The present A.-V. School building at Malvalli not being spacious enough to accommodate all the boys, some classes are held in a building in an unhealthy part of the town paying a rent of